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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF FISHING BOATS BY GUYANA

REF: GEORGETOWN 2416(NOTAL)

1. GUYANESE MAY HAVE THOUGHT TAKING OF SOUTH KOREAN SHRIMP BOATS WOULD CREATE FEWEST POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESSURE SURINAM ON FISHING RIGHTS IN THE CORATIJN RIVER, BUT FACT IS U.S. HAS DIRECT ECONOMIC INTEREST IN CASTLE AND COOKE SUBSIDIARY OPERATING IN PARAMARIBO, SURINAM-AMERICAN INDUSTRIES LTD. (SAIL), WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON KOREAN BOATS TO BRING IN SHRIMP FOR PROCESSING PLANT HERE. IN ADDITION FOUR OF THE SIX SOUTH KOREAN BOATS SEIZED BY GOG (THOSE BELONGING TO THE KOREAN MARINE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) WERE, ACCORDING TO SAIL, PARTIALLY FINANCED BY EX-IM BANK LOANS (KOREAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND CASTLE AND COOKE PROVIDED THE REST OF THE FINANCING). A SEVENTH TRAWLER, SUGAM 26, REPORTEDLY ALSO SEIZED WEEK OF
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SEPTEMBER 26, FLIES THE SURINAM FLAG BUT IS 49 PERCENT OWNED BY SAIL (GOS OWNS 51 PERCENT) AND IS ONE OF TWENTY SUCH BOATS FINANCED WITH A 1973 EX-IM BANK LOAN.

2. SAIL OFFICIALS NOTE GLOOMILY THAT TEN KOREAN BOATS HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED SURINAM FOR ALLEGEDLY MORE PEACEFUL WATERS OFF COLOMBIA AND REPORT THAT OTHER KOREANS ARE

THREATENING TO MOVE OUT OF PARAMARIBO IF THE LOCAL SITUATION

DOES NOT IMPROVE. ALTHOUGH THESE FEARS MAY BE OVERLY ALARMIST, THEIR REALIZATION WOULD MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR SAIL TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS HERE AND WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BLOW TO SURINAM'S DEVELOPING FISHING AND SHRIMPING INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS A COMMERCIAL SETBACK FOR U.S. INTEREST.

3. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE KOREAN AND SURINAM BOATS WERE SEIZED BY GUYANA BEFORE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF 200 MILE ZONE, AND BEFORE OCTOBER 4 DEADLINE FOR LICENSES WHICH WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL, AND GIVEN CLEAR U.S. COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN SAIL OPERATIONS AND ACCESS TO CATCH OF THESE BOATS, WE WONDER WHETHER DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY GEORGETOWN TO NOTE THIS U.S. INTEREST TO GOG AND SUGGEST THAT IT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DISPOSITION OF SEIZED BOATS. ZURHELLEN

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